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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

President's Annual Report on U.S. and Soviet Forces

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For several years, the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence have prepared an annual illustrated report on U.S. and Soviet weaponry. OSD/Net Assessment was given the overall responsibility for this project.

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Since that time, this report has been prepared, and it is a thorough, well executed document providing the President with comparisons of U.S. and Soviet weapons. Preparation of the report absorbs the time of many specialized talents at Defense and the CIA.

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While the document has been useful, we have also found that we normally and steadily receive information in other documents that duplicates the contents of this report. In particular, when decisions are required, special reports are prepared giving the relevant force comparisons in more detail than a general document like the <u>President's</u> report can reasonably be expected to provide.

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In the interest of freeing up the talent and resources utilized in the preparation of this report, we have therefore determined that it need no longer be prepared for us.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Robert C. McFarlane

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